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BEACH WATER TRANSMISSION LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY **(EA #OR110-2003-12)**

DECISION RECORD / RATIONALE / FONSI

I. DECISION

The decision is to implement Alternative 2, the proposed action, for the Beach water transmission line right-of-way application, as described in the Environmental Assessment for this project. The project design features described in the EA are an integral part of the proposed action and are to be implemented.

II. DECISION RATIONALE

Alternative 1, the No Action Alternative, is rejected because it will not meet the purpose and need identified in the EA. It would deny Mr. Beach a water supply to his property and would be contrary to BLM's goal of providing rights-of-way when consistent with land use plans.

Alternative 2 is selected because it will meet the identified purpose and need, which is to address Mr. Beach's need for water for irrigation and fire protection, with negligible impacts on resources.

III. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public notification and involvement was accomplished via an EA public comment period in February-March 2003. One comment letter was received from the Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center in response to the EA public comment period.

IV. CONCLUSION AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

Based on the information and analysis of potential environmental impacts in the project's environmental assessment (EA), I conclude that the decision noted above is consistent with the Medford District Resource Management Plan, the Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines on Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and, the Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines (January 2001). It is also consistent with the Endangered Species Act, The Native American Religious Freedom Act and cultural resource management laws and regulations, the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the 1972 Rogue

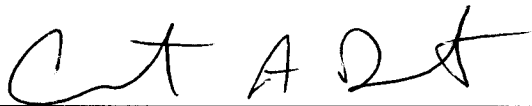
River management plan, and the Hellgate Recreation Area Draft Management Plan
Environmental Impact Statement.

It is my determination that, based on the information and analysis in the EA and in consideration of the public comments received, the decision is not expected to result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment. An Environmental Impact Statement is not, therefore, warranted and will not be prepared.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

The effective date of this decision will be the date of publication of the Notice of Decision in the Grants Pass Daily Courier. Concurrent with this notice, a right-of-way grant will be offered to Mr. Beach pursuant to subpart 2800 of Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Any party adversely affected by this decision has the right to appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). Any appeal must be made in strict accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR part 4. This includes, among other requirements, the requirement that a notice of appeal must be filed in this office within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision. The regulations also provide for petitioning for a stay of the decision, if desired. The decision to issue the right-of-way will be in full force and effect upon acceptance of the offered grant by the grantee and execution of the grant document by the BLM.


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03/25/03
Date